

ple's Societies of the Brethren church organize under the King's Children constitution.

The report of the committee on Temperance was then read and adopted, viz :

That the Brethren churches in the state of Ohio use all lawful means in their power to suppress the traffic in ardent spirits, and especially use their influence to not only dam it up but to dry it up; and one of the best ways to do this is to vote the way we pray. The pastors of the church should preach temperance sermons at stated times and urge upon their members and all moral men to rally around the banner of temperance and annihilate the liquor traffic from the face of the earth.

Christ says, "No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven" and the saloon's work is to make drunkards; and we know no better way than for all Christian people to unite in solid phalanx against the saloon. Let wives urge upon their husbands to vote for prohibition and woman's suffrage and in that way wipe the saloon out of the state.

We deem it very unbecoming for ministers of the Gospel to be addicted to the use of tobacco and we do most sincerely request them to use their influence in word and deed to encourage their members to neither touch, taste nor handle the filthy weed, Committee, Simon Mikesell, Sam'l. Kiehl, Isaac Ross.

The report of the special committee on the Ridenhour case was now read and unanimously adopted; viz :

In the fear of God and the love of the cause, we your special committee beg leave to submit the following :

1st. That we sustain the action of the Troy church. 2nd. That we sustain the action of the Board of Appeals. 3rd. That we recommend that Bro. Ridenhour make an humble apology to the Troy church; that the Troy church extend forgiveness to the said Ridenhour. 4th. That the present case be forever dismissed from the Ohio Conference. 5th. And we further recommend that the West Independence church carefully and prayerfully consider the action of the Troy church, the Board of Appeals, and this our report. Com., F. L. Gaiber chairman, H. Murr, M. White.

For the want of time only a few of the pastors responded to the topic "State of the Churches." A motion was then made and carried that a blank be prepared and sent to each minister to make out a report and present to next conference. The secretary was then instructed to send out these blanks.

The report of the special committee on Ordination of Officers was read and unanimously adopted:

Report of committee on Officers of the Church.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the conference that ministers and deacons are necessary to the complete officering of the church. That ministers are to be first chosen as licentiates or learners, to which capacity they shall exercise their office under the direction of the church and its elder, and having proven their fitness in the holy calling, are eligible for advancement to the full ministry, and

*Resolved*, That the office of deacon is primarily a secular one, with duties such as are specified in the Scriptures, and made necessary by the needs of the congregation, and

*Resolved*, That the deacon having been chosen by the congregation and ordained by the laying on of hands, shall continue in his office during life, or good behavior, and may, if he desires also exercise in the function of a licentiate minister. Com., P. J. Brown, Martin Shively, J. M. Tombaugh.

The referred report of committee on Missions was then read and adopted; viz,

Wherein it has pleased God, through the spirit of missions to spread the Gospel of Christ and encourage the discouraged, be it resolved, That we concentrate our influence and our means to the building up of weak churches thereby increasing the influence of the Brethren church. We your committee, recommend a special effort to be made to build up the Dayton church, we further recommend that the present plan for the mission work be continued and a special effort be made to do effective and permanent work. Respectfully submitted. Wm. W. Summers, J. M. Bowman, Peter Shanks.

Since the Dry Creek church has never been represented either by letter or delegate a motion was made and carried to report to Isaac Stutzman of the Dry Creek church that we have an Ohio State Conference.

A motion was made and carried that the Pittsburg church be added to the roll of churches.

The report of the committee on Resolutions was read and adopted.

Since by the blessings of God we have been permitted to meet in conference again and enjoy the fellowship and help of the conference and the hospitality of the church here.

*Resolved*, That we are grateful to God for his blessings and favors to the Brethren church, and that we will continue more earnestly to make the church what he would have it be.

That we are very thankful to the members and friends of the church at West Alexandria for their kindness and hospitality to us, and that we greatly appreciate them so freely giving themselves and homes for our comfort.

We greatly appreciate the very efficient way in which the officers of the conference have served us.

We are very thankful to those who have so much added to the benefit and pleasure of the conference by directing and aiding in the music.

It is the sense of this convention that the "Board of Appeal" is a peace commission and may be called upon to assist in settling difficulties in the district, and that nothing shall be brought to the conference for settlement only by the advice of said Board of Appeals. Mack White, J. M. Bowman, Simon Oakes.

The conference now adjourned to meet at the call of the Ex. Committee. H. S. Jacobs, chairman, C. E. Defenbaugh, secretary.

## Correspondence and Postal Reports.

### PHILADELPHIA ITEMS.

SUNDAY MORNING, June 3rd, 1894.

Just at this moment I am on my way to church from Kennett Square to Philadelphia, it being a distance of over thirty miles I am, as a matter of course, on a railway train; while I am thus leisurely sitting at ease I am overlooking a landscape inexpressively beautiful. It is the first bright and clear morning after two weeks of almost continuous storm and tempest, attended with some havoc and ruin; it is only the scholar, or poet that has at command a vocabulary to adequately express the sentiments and feelings that steal over one's mind while thus contemplating the wonderful beauty, intricacies, and forces of nature, and power that instituted them. If we are driven into ecstasies by the wonders and beauties of a world that is sin-cursed, in which there is havoc desolation and despair, what must it be to behold and enjoy an exis-

tance that is free from pain whether of mind, or body.

This, the first Sunday of June, is always a day of special gratitude and thankfulness to the older members of the Brethren church of Philadelphia, it being the anniversary of the occupancy of our own church. In the past we have had special exercises to commemorate the event, but to-day for no reason except indifference there were no commemorative services.

It may be of some interest to our own members, and to the church at large to know some of the particulars of the years work and of the work since the organization of the church. During the year there were forty-six members received, thirty-nine by baptism, six by relation, nine of these live in the vicinity of Ridgely, Md. The grand total of accessions since the organization is one hundred and ninety-three, about one hundred and twenty-five are at present more or less active members. Two of the original charter members have returned to the German Baptist church, the rest are all yet living and con-

nected with the church. Only five deaths appear on our record since the organization, Jan. 24th, 1887, the other losses are nearly made up of deserters, this may not be a very good commentary of our work but it appears unavoidable in city churches. The total expense of running the church the past year was fully two thousand dollars. All of which was contributed by comparatively poor people as we have not many others, if any. The high-water mark of the Sunday school is one hundred and eighty-seven; not enough, but nearly as many as we can comfortably handle with our present facilities; that means we need a larger church, and steps have been taken to get that. If some rich man or woman wants to immortalize him, or herself in the minds of the members of the Philadelphia church it can be done by giving us, or lending us about ten thousand dollars to accomplish our object, if you don't believe, try it.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

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## NOTES FROM THE WORKSHOP.

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Thursday evening, June the 7th, we closed a short series of meetings with the Roanoke class. We had several things that helped to impede the progress, and success of the meeting. Sickness, unpleasant weather, campaign (county) each had its effect, but nevertheless we had a good meeting. Seven were added to the fold making a total membership of about forty-three and the organization not a year old yet. You remember we commenced here with no members nearer than eight miles. They pay \$150.00 per year for once a month preaching and are good pay. Support a first class Sabbath school with an average attendance of about sixty. And also support a weekly prayer-meeting. Indeed we have pentecostal meetings. On Sunday evening, June the second, we held our first communion. About fifty five communed. It made us older ones feel good to see our younger members participate.